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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6, and 8 through 15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended above subsequent to a telephone interview with the Examiner on 21 April 2005. The first paragraph of the specification has been amended above to update Government rights in the present invention. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and allowance of the present application.

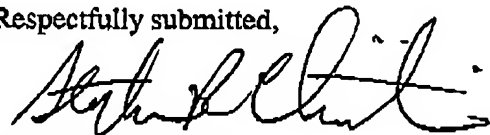
Support for the above amendments to claim 1 and 8 regarding 'the conveyor being positioned substantially below the surface of the earth generally adjacent the underground containment barrier' can be found, for example, in Paragraphs [0005], [0060], and [0061].

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-6 and 8-15 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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